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ECO FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY .
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to adopt advanced eco-friendly technology with foreign assistance in Mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the targets set in regard to mining and exploration of Minerals in the Mining sector have not been achieved during each of the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details of targets fixed/achieved during the said period and fixed for the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) & (b) The National Mineral Policy, 1993, enunciates induction of foreign technology and foreign participation in exploration and mining for high value and scarce minerals and prevention and mitigation of adverse environmental effects due to mining and processing of minerals as an integral part of mine development strategy.

(c) Mining in the country is carried out by the public as well as private sector companies. Exploration in the country is carried out by various agencies like Geological Survey of India, State Directorates of Mining and Geology, Public Sector Undertakings like Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Hindustan Copper Limited, State Public Sector Undertakings and various Private Parties who have their own targets for mineral exploration.

(d) The targets in respect of Geological Survey of India during the last three years have been exceeded in respect of large scale mapping and detailed mapping and nearly achieved in drilling. Mineral investigations taken up by the Geological Survey of India during the last three years and in the current field sessions are given below:-